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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1913. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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"Love is a disease," says a learned professor. Yes, a universal malady. Why should a self-confessed "reformer" have to be told to put it back?

The president is off in a quiet corner where the Carabos will not get him.

With Santa Claus and the weather man in partnership, there are no limits to Christmas cheer.

The Carrabao may consider itself duly admonished to remember hereafter that it is a water buffalo.

A Pennsylvania hen laid an egg with a nickel in it, which adds another one-third to its original value.

The Express trust is said to be pleading for mercy, finding all other avenues of possible escape closed.

The first question propounded banker applicants for reserve bank boards: How many times did you vote for Bryan?

"Our prisons are a disgrace," says a New York up-state paper. What, this long after Thomas Mott Osborne's self-imprisonment?

Not wishing to rub it in, may we merely suggest that Sancho Villa failed to carve that Christmas turkey in the national palace at Mexico City.

Joseph Cullen Root was another distinguished Nebraskan to achieve renown, and many a widow and orphan will rise up to praise his works.

The New York Press says there are 30,000 feeble-minded people in that state. Of course, it means in the state asylums.

Mr. Dooley's idea is for Mr. Bryan to play his chautauqua lectures on a piccolo "while suspended from a thrapple." It would at any rate give action to his words.

Omaha is not in the running as a competitor for one of the new regional banks. Omaha was put horn du combat when our United States senator bolted his party caucus.

A Russian physician says excess talking is dangerous. We offer our esteemed and loquacious secretary of state as a virile and vigorous refutation.

Out of consideration for the senator's editorial name-caller, the New York World ought to stop referring to Senator Hitchcock as a republican, for the list of epithets is about exhausted.

Owing to the pressure of the holiday festivities of the church, the next round in the bout between the preachers and the tango has had to be postponed, but return checks will be honored.

Unless John Purroy Mitchell, mayor-elect of New York City, is out of matches he may presently set the East river on fire.—Chicago Daily News.

Trust John Purroy to keep well stocked with matches.

The Cleveland Young Men's Christian association is said to have started a "father and son" movement. Good! Did it get the idea from Omaha, whose Young Men's Christian association has had such a movement for several years?

Mr. Bryan is understood to have substituted pine-apple juice for grapejuice as his favorite beverage, not because of the taste so much as the color. The deep maroon of the grapejuice is too deceptive to the eye and as to that which "giveth its color in the cup." As a circumspet man, therefore, Mr. Bryan is determined to avoid even the appearance of evil.

Wilson's Leadership.

President Wilson has been criticized in some quarters for being pedantic, though not strange for one so long a schoolmaster, especially one who has so completely mastered his own party. It surely will be admitted on every hand by now, by political opponents as well as partisans, that Woodrow Wilson is the actual as well as the titular head of the regnant democracy. His powers of leadership to that extent, at least, was no further demonstration. No one now wonders just how far Mr. Bryan will permit the president to go toward exercising the functions of the office to which he was elected. Regardless of the wisdom or tact of his leadership, President Wilson is "it" not only in the White House, but also in the capitol. No one could have followed the deliberations culminating in the enactment of our new tariff and currency laws without conceding that. Some of his political opponents go so far as to call him by the more austere name of "boss," ah, others even a "czar." But by whatever name the country has demonstrated that as the party dictator he is strong enough to whip back into line a recalcitrant senator after being off the reservation for a whole extra session of nine months and make him vote for the bill he had been denouncing.

The Calumet Disaster.

What chiefly caused the Calumet slaughter was not the false alarm of fire sounded by an irresponsible fool, but rather what has been responsible for most of such wholesale destruction of life—the lack of proper means of egress in crises. Had not the building in which the Christmas exercises were held been a man trap the scores of little children and their parents would not have perished. It is but another grim reminder of our refusal to learn the lesson growing out of such catastrophes as the Iroquois theater and the shirt factory fires. These tragedies excite deep pathos and high resolution at the time, but our emotions do not last long enough. As time dispels the gloom and the rush of the events of a fast-fleeting day crowds in to fill the mind with other thoughts, we forget and the precaution against a repetition is lost sight of until another havoc appalls us. So this horror in the Michigan city, which has had the effect of temporarily allying factional feelings born of the miners' strike, has a nation-wide significance as a further reminder to us everywhere to make sure of the safety of every building used for public assemblage or to house large numbers of people likely to be helpless in event of fire or panic.

Europe and World Peace.

France borrowing \$260,000,000 to further its military program. Germany extending its naval and army appropriations \$250,000,000 beyond the budget limitation, Russia raising the maximum of its land forces into the millions, England determined to outstrip Germany in warship strength—these and the aggressive plans of Balkan states for a possible early revival of Mediterranean hostilities are a few straws that show which way the wind of Europe is blowing. They are far more accurate as a weathervane, we fear, than the towering turrets of the beatific Palace of Peace at The Hague. One cannot honestly sense the drift of current thought and action on the other side of the water today without inner apprehension that universal peace and the sweet vision of disarmament is not the whole European program. The French government's borrowing of \$260,000,000, while the United States has just completed the expenditure of some \$400,000,000 in the peaceful pursuit of building the Panama canal, suggests a contrast, the significance of which does not escape the thoughtful mind. An Omaha man recently returned from Europe—a student of affairs, he is—told The Bee that almost the only theme of popular conversation on the continent was "War, war, war," and that the people were being buried under a burden of taxation to raise revenue for naval and military aggrandisement. There is yet time for us to rest secure in the thought and aspiration of peace, but the time has evidently not arrived to proclaim the achievement of the banishment of war.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

COMPILED FROM THE BEE

DECEMBER 27.

Thirty Years Ago—A bunch of big railroaders are in secret session at Council Bluffs, presumably with reference to the Iowa pool. Those at the meeting are Marvin Hubert and H. C. Wicker of the Northwestern; F. E. Hall of the Sioux City and Pacific; R. B. Cable, W. N. Sage, H. Gower, H. Hoffman and Thomas F. Woodrow of the Rock Island; R. S. Merrill, E. T. Clark, and A. C. Bird of the Milwaukee; Captain R. S. Hayes of the Missouri Pacific; George Olds of the Wabash and S. H. H. Clark of the Union Pacific. The Burlington is not represented.

The mission school Christmas dinner entertained 300 little tots.

An interesting item from Baltimore tells of the elopement of Gertrude Dolan, an Omaha girl of 17, sent to school there by her widowed mother. Her name is now Mrs. John D. Reynolds and she is expected soon to come home to introduce her husband to her mother.

A polo club has been formed at the skating rink.

Two new letters carriers, Messrs. Platt and Gould, to enter upon their duties the first of the year. This will make thirteen carriers in the city.

The trustees of Bellevue college have elected Rev. L. S. Blayney of this city president of the faculty.

For the prize contest for the best lady skater at the roller rink there were four entries, Misses Van Aeran, Dunham, Shipman and House. The prize, a pair of nickel plated skates, was awarded by a vote of the audience to Miss House.

Twenty Years Ago—

William Gehman, a driver for the Hammond Packing company, was laid up with a compound fracture of the shoulder, the result of a collision with a street car at Thirteenth and Leavenworth streets. He was driving along there when the car ran into his wagon, hurling him from the seat to the ground.

Ralph Kitchen, manager of the Exchange hotel, went to Kansas City for a few days.

Bank Examiner C. F. McCreary came up from Lincoln on business.

Captain J. C. Ayres left for Chicago. Colonel Alexander Hoagland, the curfew man, came up from Lincoln.

Articles of incorporation of the Printers' Mutual Publishing company were filed with the county clerk. The capital stock being \$50,000 and the incorporators, J. W. Morrow, F. M. Dixon, E. H. Cress and M. S. Bartlett.

Peter Saxe and Mary Saxe, 26 and 24 years of age, respectively, treated themselves to a belated Christmas gift in the form of a matrimonial conjunction.

Among those to whom marriage licenses were issued were Loudon G. Charlton and Jeannette M. Johnson.

Ten Years Ago—

It was given out by South Omaha packers that they were supplying meat for the Russian troops in the far east, 1,000,000 pounds of extra mess beef being lately ordered.

Former Senator William V. Allen of Madison read a paper before the Omaha Philosophical society on "The American Judicial System," in which he advocated the elimination of the jury system.

He said he would not abolish trial by jury, but would severely limit the province of the juror's power. He would not accept the idea that twelve untrained minds that seldom reason consecutively or correctly, constituted a safer power of judgment than a trained and learned judge.

Rev. and Mrs. Newman Hall Burdick of the Second Presbyterian church left for a week's visit, the doctor's pupil to be filled in his absence by Rev. Dr. Patton.

Swift & Co. had about 300 men cutting ice at Cut Off lake, where the harvest was turning out well.

Perry S. Heath, accompanied by the city entourage, stopped over at the home of Mrs. Heath of Louisville, Ky., the home of Mrs. Heath's people, to Salt Lake, where Mr. Heath was running the Tribune. He said he did not expect to figure actively in the next political campaign, but took occasion to assert that Senator Hanna meant what he said when he declared he would not let his name be used in connection with the presidential nomination.

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The Bee's Letter Box

The Best Friend.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: The best friend will not believe a falsehood told on another, and will not believe anything bad unless he knows it is true. He never expects anyone to help him at the expense of someone else. He never tempts one to see if he is true. He never combines with others to avenge fancied or real insults. He never takes advantage of anyone when he has the chance. He feels that every good person of all organizations or no organization is his friend. He does not get excited, when wrongfully accused, for he knows good proof is a friend not worth having, and that those who hate him would not believe the truth anyway. He would like to see every person on earth have as square a deal as his personal accountant. He does not feel that a neighbor does not become offended if his neighbor does not patronize him in preference to someone else, especially if someone else merits the patronage more than he does. He is open and above-board on all questions. He does not believe in the double moral standard, and is not afraid of the frowns of society if he treats a bad woman with the same respect that he treats a bad man. He will not forsake eternal principle for earthly things, and will die on the cross of wood or any other cross before he will violate his conscience. What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his sense of what is right? Or how can he be true to anyone, if he is not true to what truth he understands? WILLIS HUDSPETH

Complains of Dirty Streets.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: What has become of our vigilant street cleaning department? Are the funds exhausted? Something must be wrong, or the principal thoroughfares of the city would not be in such bad condition, not to speak of streets in residential parts of the city. Is there sufficient reason why a city of Omaha's type must have such dirty streets? J. W. C.

Suppression Goes by Favor.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: I may be told it is none of my business, being a "rank outsider," but just the same I'm going to have the satisfaction of asking you folks down there what has become of that vituous resolution of the lawyers not to have any more covering up of papers in divorce and other suits of public record? I am prompted to ask this by reading of the high society divorce case which only leaked out twelve days after it was filed. Did the lawyers mean suppression only where it was no object to anybody not to suppress it? Or were they on the square about it? And did the district clerk suppress this one of his own accord? If so, why? In the meantime, is it any wonder that I and my brethren are socialists when we see such class favoritism? SOCIALIST.

Editorial Snapshots

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Now that the "Mona Lisa" has been found, we may as well give back on Charlie Ross.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: By making his contributions to charity and education during his lifetime, William Deering knew that none of them would be consumed in litigation.

Brooklyn Eagle: The elder statesmen in the republican party serve to keep alive the memories of its glorious past at a time when the oratory ought to hinge more on its future than on its past.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The Hon. Albert Jeremiah Beveridge declares that there is to be "no amalgamation, no merger, no connection of any kind with any other party whatever" on the part of the progressives. This rule will hold firmly until the time comes when Albert Jeremiah wants some outside votes.

Editorial American: A Chicago physician fears that the age of engineers will mark the decline of love, and that health and not sentiment will control marriage. The pessimistic physician may dismiss his fears. Old Dame Nature has survived many other fads, and she will be found managing things long after this one has passed away.

Philadelphia Ledger: The assumption that the Interstate Commerce commission had already made up its mind in preference to the appeal of the railroads for higher rates is not justified. The situation is very lucidly expressed by the commissioner who said, "If the railroads make out their case they will get the increase, and if they fail to make out their case they will not get the increase."

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Zapata is distributing a circular addressed to the residents of the City of Mexico in which he says he will hang Huerta and Blanquet from the balconies of the national palace. The cabinet and captured federal officers will be shot. It would appear to be to the interest of Huerta to keep Zapata out of the city.

Muffled Knocks

A soft answer saves you many a hard wallop.

A man shouldn't try to tell the truth all the time unless he is a champion fighter or a champion runner.

A single man can hardly call for pay day to come around. But it doesn't mean anything to a married man.

A girl can have a father and three brothers at home and still imagine that her fiancée has wings and a halo.

A man might appreciate the compliment. But you shouldn't tell a stout girl that she is all wool and a yard wide.

There are mighty few men who can pay you a just debt without acting as though they were doing you an awful favor.

The old-fashioned woman who used to wear three petticoats now has a daughter who wears a pair of tights and a silk skirt.

Marrying our opposites doesn't mean that a headless youth should hook up with a girl who has a fair-to-middling mustache.

It is certainly a lot of comfort to an old maid to remember that Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, was 380 years old when she married.

Clothes may not make the man. But somebody or other we never associate a fellow with prosperity if the seat of his pants looks like a mirror.

The old-fashioned man who used to patronize the "Bijo" racket store and used the trains came in at the "doppo" usually had money enough to send his sons to college.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

In Other Lands

Signposts of the Year.

Not a speck of war flecks the horizon of the old world as the year nears the finish. This is a distinct improvement over the opening of 1913. A year ago every powder house in Europe was primed for an explosion, and only the desperate efforts of the powers extinguished the smoldering fuse. It by the Balkan war. But while the signs and portents presage peace, there is no peace for the taxpayers upon whose back the burdens of war preparations are being put. Statesmen of England and France who in former years predicted that militarism, if persisted in, spelled national bankruptcy, may point to the record of the year as assuring fulfillment. Simultaneously the great powers have levied increased tolls for increased armament. Great Britain's budget approached the billion dollar mark, double what it was in 1905, the major portion of the increase going into warships, and the balance into state insurance and social reform measures. Only the Gladstonian tradition saves the empire from the humiliation of its navy being overtaken. Germany devised a toll of \$250,000,000 for the country for an increased armament. In addition to the regular budget, and France has pending a loan of \$30,000,000 to finance a three-year army system, besides the regular yearly drain increased by new tax levies. Austria, Russia and Italy are quickening their armament pace. While the Balkan states, Turkey and China are hawking the world seeking money with which to heal the wounds of war or prepare for future wars.

The Balkan War.

The war of the Balkan states against Turkey was the most disturbing factor in old world affairs during the year. The armistice agreed upon in December last, and the negotiations for peace were fruitless, Turkey absolutely refusing to surrender Adrianople. The war proceeded far into May before the Turks were convinced of the hopelessness of the struggle. Negotiations for peace resulted in the treaty of London, by which Turkey relinquished all the territory conquered by the allies. Months before the treaty was drafted, Austria forbade the allies from invading Albania, insisting on making that province an independent state. Turkey, particularly Montenegro, ignored Austria's threats, forcing the latter to call out the army reserves to enforce its demand. The same midge state stuck to its plans, captured Skutari, and then marched out its victorious army as the army of the allied powers marched in, took possession of the city and proclaimed Albania an independent state. What from the first promised to be a glorious victory for the cross over the crescent soon turned into a humiliating and barbarous conclusion. Bulgaria demanded more territory than that which its army conquered. The success of the allies was greater than they had anticipated, and the greater area of territory to be divided provoked a war among the victors, converting a war initiated for freedom from Moslem oppression into one of blatant greed. Bulgaria was the chief offender in this latter war, and met effective and humiliating disaster. Seeing the victor grasping each other's throats, Turkey tore up the treaty of London, reoccupied Adrianople and adjacent territory, and turned crushing defeat into a partial victory. Roumania on the north took advantage of the situation to square accounts with Bulgaria, forcing the latter to relinquish the disputed territory of Silistria. By treaties negotiated separately by the allies with Turkey, Bulgaria was permitted to retain a strip of the conquered territory extending to the Aegean sea. Greece secured by far the larger slice of Moslem territory, northward on the Adriatic and eastward on the Aegean sea, including the important seaport of Saloniki, the island of Crete and several smaller islands captured by the Greek navy. Serbia expanded southward into Macedonia, but little Montenegro had to content with the Sanjak of Novipazar and a strip of mountainous country adjacent to Skutari lake. Much bad blood has been engendered by the permanent peace. The one impressive feature of the outcome is the success of Austria in creating the barrier state of Albania, raising thereby a barrier against Slav invasion to the Adriatic sea.

A Vanished Republic.

The transition of China from a republic to a dictatorship is a notable, though hardly a surprising, development of the year. Shades of coming events were observed early in the year when Provisional President Yuan Shih Kai concluded negotiations for a loan from the majority of the Chinese Parliament. With ready money to appease the army and for distribution where it would do the most good, President Yuan proceeded with the execution of his plans. Parliament was allowed to play the liberal. Three obnoxious leaders of the liberal element were put out of the way. Army officers of doubtful loyalty were sent with expeditions to Mongolia and Tibet. Discontent in the southern provinces developed into open rebellion in May, but was crushed in a few weeks, and the leaders and soldiers driven into exile or executed. With the rebellious elements disposed of a parliamentary election was held, resulting in a two-thirds majority for Yuan. The latter's election as president for a term of five years followed in due course. Progress toward a dictatorship moved rapidly after President Yuan's installation. One hundred members of Parliament who opposed the president's policies were dismissed. Later on Parliament was progressed and practically abolished. The latest reports from Peking foreshadow the appointment of an executive council which will approve the plans and policies of the president. In less than twenty months since the abolition of the Manchou dynasty the chief servitor of exiled royalty has become the master mind and manager of the empire.

Progress in Great Britain.

Progress toward broader popular government marks the year in Great Britain. Three great measures proposing vital changes in the existing order were advanced through the second stage, despite the opposition of the House of Lords, and are scheduled for enactment into law at the coming session of Parliament. These measures are the establishment of an Irish Parliament in Dublin, disestablishment of the Welsh church, and the abolition of plural voting. Opposition to a parliament in Dublin assumed a threatening phase in Easter, but the readiness of the government to ally imaginary fears by compromise clears the road to home rule. The mighty struggle which

SAID IN FUN.

Travers (phoning tailor)—What do you mean by sending a bill with my new suit? I consider it an insult. Tailor (meekly)—Very sorry, sir. It's the new bookkeeper's fault; he evidently got you mixed up with those who pay.—Chicago Post.

PATHEtic BALLAD.

Philander Johnson, in Washington Star. A congressman was singing very sad and off the key. He did not seem to think this life a bit. He sighed, "My country doesn't sit up nights to work for me. Though I have often done as much for it." Then the administration said, "I've worked you overtime. And maybe I shall do likewise again." The congressman just listened with a patience all sublime. And then he answered with this sort refrain: "What have I ever done for you? That I should this deserve? You've left me feeling awful blue, For you have got a nerve! You ought to have far more respect For friends of long ago. How can my home folks re-lect A man they scarcely know?"

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